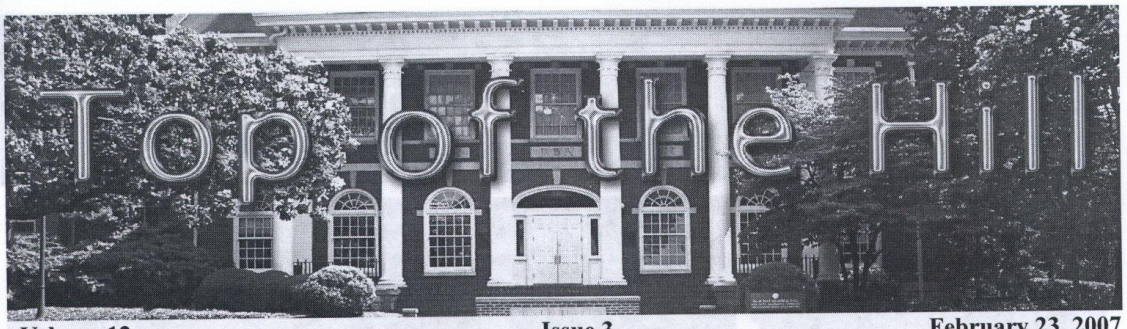

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Work + Dedication = Domination

by Andrew Powell

The first characteristic that comes to mind when I think of MathCounts at MBA is the dedication put forth by both the team and "Coach" Maggie Qian. On many Saturdays in the fall, while most students are watching, or at least wish they were watching, Gameday and College Football, the Mathcounts team is here at Massey running through old math problems. These sessions usually last four hours--four straight hours of math. Most observers might say that we are crazy, and I agree that MathCounts is at times a great sacrifice, but when the City Competition rolls around, all of the hard work is rewarded.

Before I get to the payoff, let me give you an overview of the events leading up to the competition. Through the rigorous training program, scores were recorded and totaled up from week to week. The top eight scorers would go on to represent the school at the City Competition: four on the A team, four on the B. Coach Qian was faced with the task of choosing whom to place on which team, where many people seemed to deserve a spot. In the end, Carter Calloway, Jack Hallemann, Stephen Bedard, Andrew Powell, Chunsoo Park, Paul VanPernis, Andrew Cho, and Zach Chen were selected.

Now to the City Competition. Arriving bright and early, we saw that we had some stiff competition coming from the Home School Team. With the returning champion *two* years running, Ben Alan White, we knew we had to bring our A game to beat them. The competition began, and the team felt as though everything was going as

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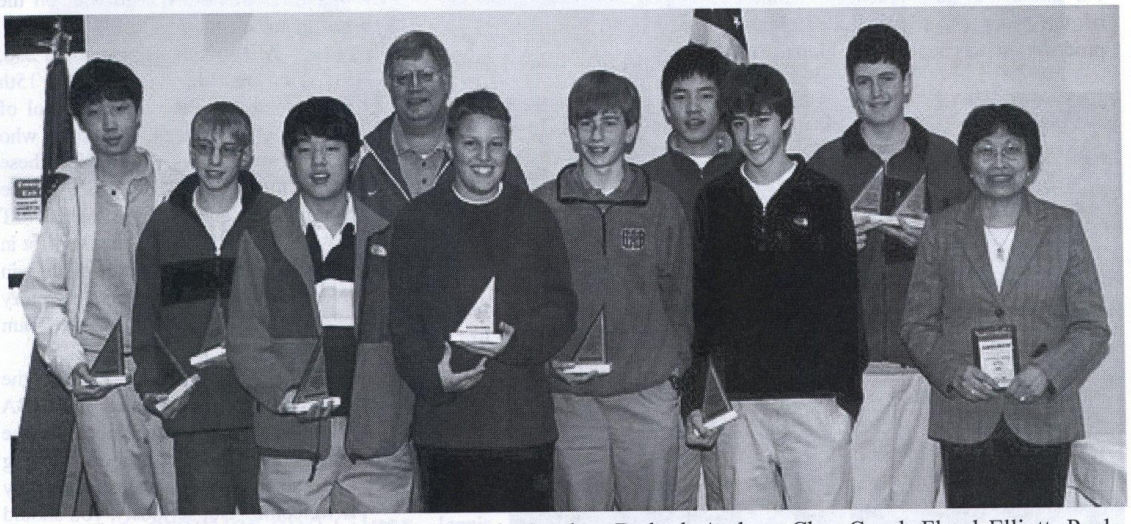
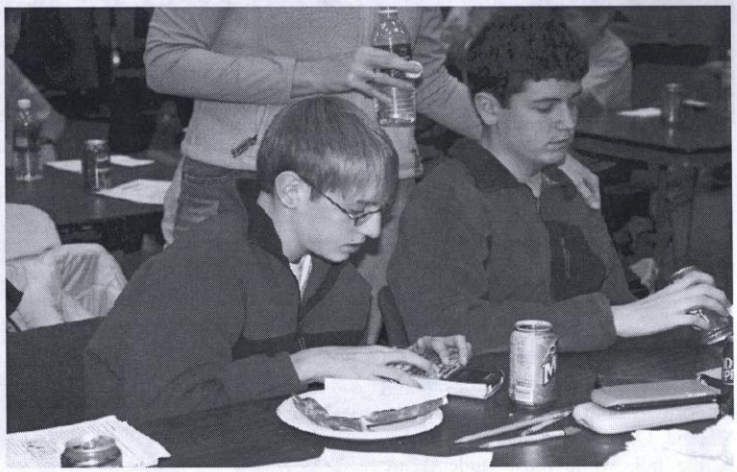


The MathCounts Champions: Chunsoo Park, Stephen Bedard, Andrew Cho, Coach Floyd Elliott, Paul VanPernis, Andrew Powell, Zach Chen, Jack Hallemann, Carter Callaway, and Coach Maggie Qian

Math Domination

Andrew Powell: MathCounts Mascot



Stephen and Carter anxiously await the results.

planned through the first round, the Sprint Round. Stellar scores in this round were posted by many students from MBA. With the closing of the next round, the Target round, some of our confidence had fallen, for some of the team (myself included) had produced scores not to our liking. I have to give Stephen Bedard kudos though for pulling out a perfect score in this round, getting all eight problems correct!!! This event concluded the individual portion of the competition--leaving only one round to go, the Team Round.

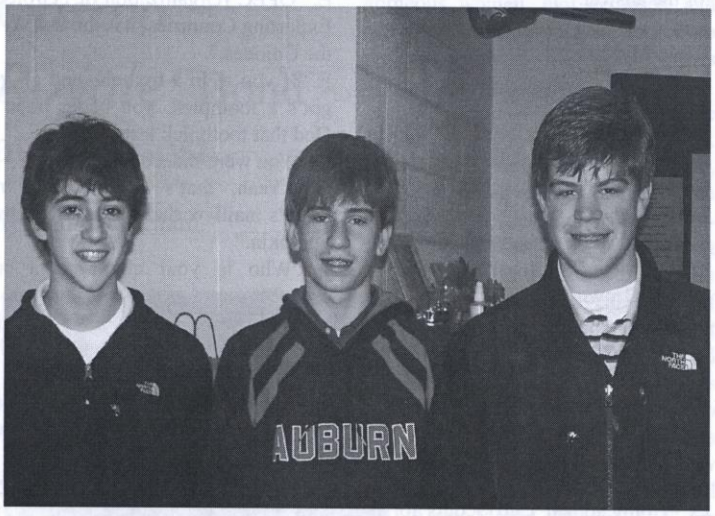
As Mrs. Qian always tells us, the competition is won in the Team Round, as it can make or break the overall score. Tension mounted as the team felt pressure to perform. The packets were passed out, and mayhem broke out when the signal to begin was given. Eleven teams began deliberating on how to solve each of the ten problems. Finally, nerves subsided at the end of the round as there was a good feeling amongst us that we had done well. All that was left now was to wait on the results to be announced.

Paul and Chunsoo work a tough problem.

MBA students posted the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 15th place scores in the city, in a pool of 72 competitors. For those of you who do not want to "do the math," these scores meant that MBA had 3 of the top 5 scores and 7 of the top 10. IT WAS SWEET!!!! The team won 1st in the team competition, with a slight win over the Home School Team, a victory which came down solely to the team round.

So...on March 17 at the Adventure Science Center, the MBA MathCounts team will compete for the State Title. I expect a good showing there, so anyone who wants to come by is welcome. But seriously, you should come; it will be amazing, and you can cheer us on. In fact, you can even paint up!!! ROLL RED!

Congratulations!

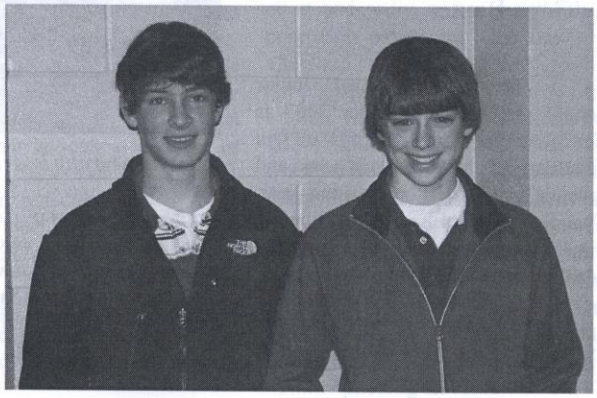


American Mathematics Competition Award Winners:
Jack Hallemann, 2nd place tie
Andrew Powell, 1st place
Connor Caldwell, 2nd place tie

Congratulations to the following eighth graders inducted into the Junior Honor Society during assembly on February 12, 2007: Christian Alford, Paul Baker, Nick Bessette, Alex Blanton, Lane Bullock, Connor Caldwell, Carter Callaway, Van East, Cody Fisher, Chris Goodrich, Will Gormley, Jack Hallemann, Ryan Hill, Jack Keller, Nick Kohler, Chase Lovelace, Walton Macey, Tom Markham, Will McCaskill, Chris McClure, Hayes McCord, Chase Owen, Chunsoo Park, Andrew Powell, Eddie Seay, Warren Smith, Brad Swain, Paul Van Pernis, Jarvis Werkhaven, John Wyse.

Scholastic Art Award Winners:
Ryan Hill, Silver Medalist in Drawing
Chris McClure, Silver Medalist in Drawing

Not Pictured:
Austin Doebler, Judges Choice in Ceramics and Glass
Will Baker: Silver Medalist in Painting



ENTERTAINMENT

Casino Royale: Bond at His Best

by Tom Markham

On November 17, 2006, James Bond returned to the silver screen after a long awaited four years. Daniel Craig, the actor chosen to replace Pierce Brosnan as 007, easily lived up to all the expectations of being Britain's world-renowned secret agent. He stars in *Casino Royale*, the screen adaptation of the first of Ian Fleming's fourteen James Bond novels. The movie has just about everything a true James Bond fan could ask for. In the movie, a private banker to the world's terrorists named Le Chiffre, or "The Number," plans to bet against the stock market by selling his stock in the Skyfleet airplane prototype, then sabotaging the prototype. Of course, James Bond foils the plan, causing Le Chiffre to lose hundreds of millions of dollars in the terrorists' funds. To regain this money, Le Chiffre stages a high-stakes poker game in Montenegro, which, of course, Bond attends. Throughout the movie, 007 encounters dangerous foes, gorgeous women, evil geniuses, and action-packed stunts. The story even includes a fateful twist which throws the unsuspecting audience for a loop.

Casino Royale is simply the perfect James Bond movie in all aspects. Daniel Craig, despite the blonde hair, plays a stunning role as a rugged, fresh 007 who has just achieved the 00-status, which he received by collecting two kills in the service. The film is designed to reveal some of the mysteries of 007 and, as it is based on the first James Bond book, explain some of the actions and characteristics which make up the James Bond persona. In this movie, the audience learns how 007 first comes upon the original Aston Martin "Bondmobile" (as seen in the movie *Goldfinger*), as well as why he is so brutal towards his enemies and why he refuses to trust anyone, sometimes even his own friends. Some amateur Bond fans may complain that the movie is inadequate and even poor because there is no Q, and Bond never uses any cool gadgets. It should be pointed out to those ignorant souls that in the book *Casino Royale*, there is no Q and Bond does not use any gadgets. Second, James Bond does not need cool gadgetry to get his job done, though these features are a nice bonus to the movies.

What is also very admirable about *Casino Royale* is that this movie brings back the intense, psychological espionage that is such a key part of the original Sean Connery movies. The movie is not dominated by huge explosions, machine gun fights, and very bad special effects cinematography (for very bad special effects cinematography, see *Die Another Day*). Instead, Bond encounters intense hand-to-hand combat and the covert, cloak-and-dagger espionage that truly occurs in the world of spies. Another aspect of the film is that most of the plot quite closely parallels the book, which is what any fan looks for in a movie. Remarkably, the movie accomplishes all these demanding tasks while at the same time, moving 007 into the 21st century. The plot alludes to many hot political topics of today, and the technology that is included is state-of-the-art. With all of these topics in mind, perhaps one can now see *Casino Royale* in a new light and appreciate it for its depth and magnificence. *Casino Royale* will be released on DVD soon.

Wally's Joke

Baseball Heaven?

Two guys, Bob and Sol, are sitting on a park bench feeding pigeons and talking about baseball, like they do every day. Bob turns to Sol and says, "Do you think there's baseball in heaven?" Sol thinks about it for a minute and replies, "I dunno. But let's make a deal: if I die first, I'll come back and tell you if there's baseball in heaven, and if you die first, you do the same." They shake on it and sadly, a few months later, poor Bob passes on. One day soon afterward, Sol is sitting there feeding the pigeons by himself when he hears a voice whisper, "Sol." Sol responds, "Bob! Is that you?" "Yes it is, Sol," whispers Bob's ghost. Sol, still amazed, asks, "So, is there baseball in heaven?" "Well," says Bob, "I've got good news and bad news." "Gimme the good news first," says Sol. Bob says, "Well... there is baseball in heaven." Sol says, "That's great! What news could be bad enough to ruin that!?" Bob sighs and whispers, "You're pitching on Friday."

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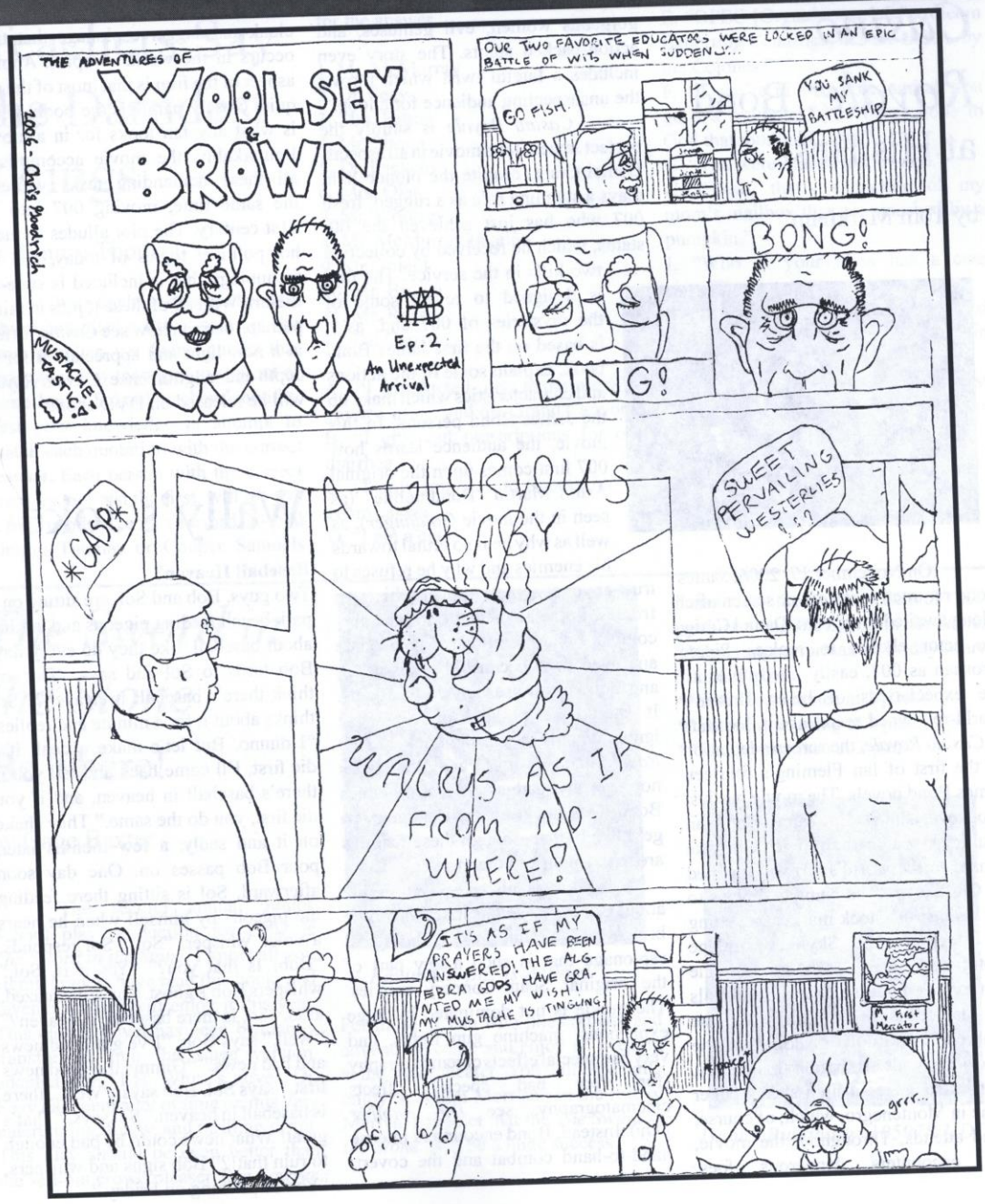

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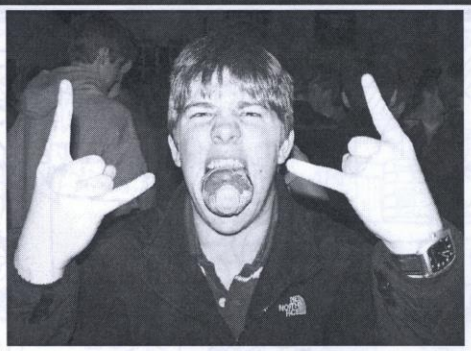
FEATURES

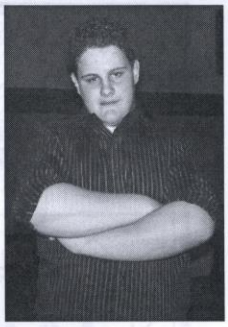
Mixing It Up at HH

by Jimmie Anderson

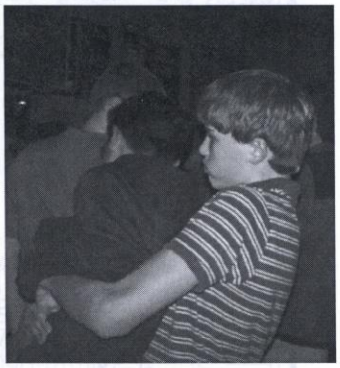
The third eighth grade MBA-Harpeth Hall mixer took place in the Honeybears' gym. Unlike the last dance, there was no "surprise dancer" (aka Daniel Rundberg), which disappointed many of us. This mixer also had some new faces, and it seemed like fewer people than normal. Some first-time attendees included Mark Giguere and Justin Park. The mixer started off the way they all do: girls secluded in one corner, and the guys in the other. Of course, the lights were on at the beginning, making it as bright as day inside. Finally someone bravely turned off the lights; the darkness made us bolder, and the mixing actually started. The DJ's, John Darwin and Michael Shannon, tried to keep the party alive by playing some pretty good music and making attempts to get people more involved with the dance. Eventually, this constant encouragement became somewhat annoying. One of the ways they tried to get us involved included the customary mixer dance-off competition, where each school picks its best three dancers to face off. This time, the guys won, even without Daniel "D-Run" Rundberg in the competition. Devin McClain, Cedric Smith, and De'Ante Hughes were our talented dance-off champions. The mixer had some other "interesting" moments not suitable for this article, as well as some boring ones. Overall, this mixer was a lot of fun, mainly because the music was better than usual.



Jack Warne being himself!



Bouncer Andrei



Funky Will

Other students' comments about the evening:

Justin Park: "It was fun; it was like ridin' spinnaz."

Gage Baxter: "It was awesome, good music, bumpin' time."

John Baker: "Too bad Rundberg wasn't there."

Anonymous: "So I am new to this thing called mixing. Needless to say, I was intimidated and partially crying. I am very unused to being around the other gender, so I just stood near the corner during the party, but would bob my head to 'Chicken Noodle Soup' when it came on. This song is one of my favorites.

Eddie Seay: "Pretty good mixer, one of the best I've seen so far."

Get on that dance floor, Justin!

Nathan and Joanna: MBA's answer to "Dancing with the Stars"

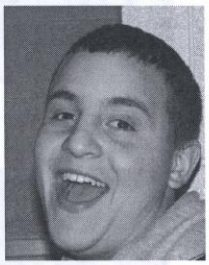
OPINIONS

Thespian Challenges

by Andrew Wright

Recently I learned that the eighth grade girls at Harpeth Hall are unable to be in the upcoming Junior School play, *The Sword in the Stone*. To some, this situation is a big deal; to others, it means nothing. The problem is that Harpeth Hall's eighth grade class trip is scheduled during tech week of the play (biggest week of rehearsal), and they get back opening night. Because the cast members would miss these vital rehearsals, Dr. Seay, our wonderful director, was forced to recast the female parts with girls hailing from Overbrook. One cast member proposed that Dr. Seay move the show back a week and avoid the problem. Due to the very busy schedule of rehearsals and the tight booking of the theater with such events as Grandparents Day and other plays, this solution is impossible. Dr. Seay had this response: "The Theater's schedule is booked for the rest of the year, and I would never ask or let the girls skip their class trip." Chris Goodrich voiced his opinion on the subject repeatedly referring to it as "stupid," whereas Tom Markham simply noted: "It will be a pretty difficult task to take out several of these girls and look for someone from Overbrook to fill them." In a situation such as this one, no one is at fault; it is not as if Dr. Seay is able to change the Harpeth Hall calendar. It simply is a matter of bad luck.

Not only is Dr. Seay forced to recast most of the female parts, but I am sometimes confronted by cast members wanting to quit the play because of a sports conflict or the need to focus on schoolwork. In future planning, this time commitment may become a problem. Cast member Daniel Rundberg took on the role of 105978/UDC after a former cast member resigned his position to play lacrosse this spring. Will drop-outs pose yet another problem for Dr. Seay and the highly anticipated play? Or will he be able to overcome these challenges? Considering the theatrical talents of our director, we can assume that the show will go on!



Andrew smiles despite his loss!

Global Warming?

by Will Norton

Global warming is becoming an ever-present topic in national politics; increasing numbers of people are attempting to grapple with this issue by signing protocols and advancing technology.

Will, the philosopher

Two things are clear: global warming is occurring, and sea levels are rising; however, all television and news stations present global warming as an eminent threat which is reversible. Most speculate that the release of CO2 due to human activities has led to global warming; others, however, believe that the Earth's new warming trend is part of climate "seasons." If the Earth can freeze, can it also heat up and boil? How much heat had to be absorbed in order to melt most of the glaciers formed during countless Ice Ages? Scientists are still divided on the causes, and are therefore divided on the solutions. Certain persons advocate for huge reductions in fossil fuels and using newer technologies to decrease CO2 emissions, while others believe that this cycle is a natural phenomenon that cannot be stopped. I tend to believe that humans are helping the process along, but not the sole cause of global warming.

Mr. Russ had this point of view. Scientists are much better at explaining what has happened when they talk about weather and climate than they are at predicting what will happen! That said, it seems clear from the reading I have done that the majority of scientists believe the world is getting warmer. They seem to agree less on whether human activity is solely or only partly to blame. Opinions diverge even further on what, if anything, we can do about it and on whether the impact on human civilization will be cataclysmic or minimal. For further reading, see Gregg Easterbrook's article "Warming and Climate Change" on the Brookings Institute web site.

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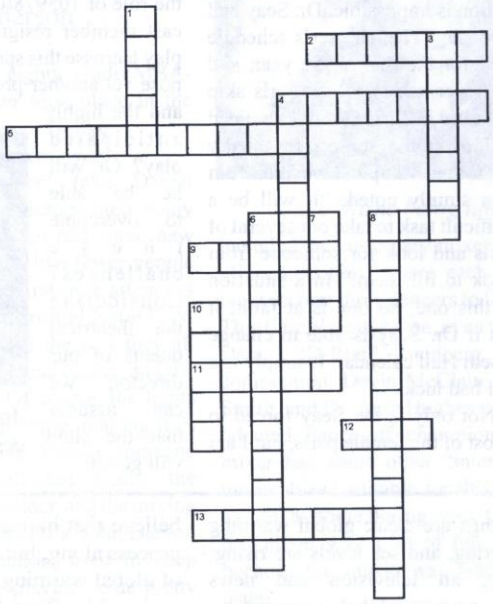

Across

2. The four humors: blood, black bile, yellow bile, and _____.
4. Youngest baseball player to play in a major leage game in the modern era
5. Aborigine musical instrument
8. Where helium was first discovered
9. Ex-planet
11. In Star Trek: Vulcan with pointy ears
12. Unit of conductance (the unit of resistance is the ohm)
13. Photography using high voltage

Down

1. British WWII computer named for a dessert
3. Main ingredient in marshmallows
4. Mr. Russell's middle name
6. Device with multiple steps to complete a simple task
7. Hard and unrelated: Levator Labii Superioris Alaeque Nasi is a thin triangular muscle located on the side of the ____.
8. Disease formerly thought to create or cause "multiple personalities"
10. New Windows operating system

ON THE HILL

Real men go to school when it snows!

Patrick, did you just hurl a snowball?

CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS: WIN MONEY!

Jesse Hill Ford Short Story Contest:

Who: 7th and 8th graders

What: Short story composed during the current school year

Length: 3-8 pages, double-spaced

Prize: The best short story wins $150!

Due: Monday, April 9

Turn in a printed copy and also e-mail a copy to Mrs. Pettus (8th) or Mrs. Roberts (7th).

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The Rascoe Bond Davis Creative Writing Contest:

Categories: Poetry and Fiction

Prizes in both categories:	1st	$50
	2nd	$35
	3rd	$10

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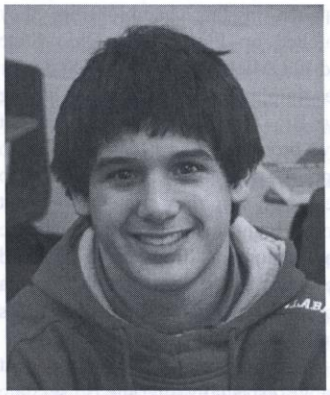
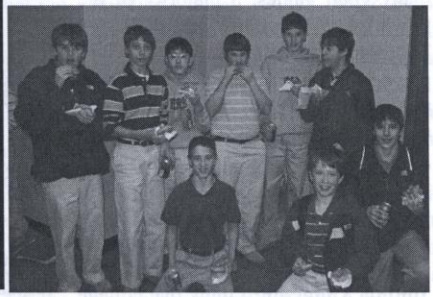
Due by Monday, April 9, for Junior School entries



MBA welcomes Tyler Franks, a new eighth grader from Trinity in Louisville, Kentucky.



Seventh graders enjoy a post-exam treat!

SPORTS

The BCS System:

Change Needed?

by Jack Keller

The BCS System is a very complicated set of rules and procedures that determine what teams will play in BCS bowl games. The BCS usually puts teams together based on how much income they receive, as clearly stated by Andrew Powell in his comment (see end of this article). For instance in the championship, they matched up Florida and Ohio State and not Michigan and Ohio State for the simple reason of money--having two Big Ten Teams would have not have brought in the necessary cash to support such an event. Profit is also the reason why they stretched and put Florida in the championship to increase the "customers" from the South and the Midwest. Even though Florida won, this bowl game shows the BCS's complications with money.

Many teams and fans want change, especially after the Boise State game. Boise State felt that they should have had a chance at the National Championship. This year did not have many good games; a majority of the bowls were blowouts. The BCS is a hot topic in the off-season as coaches, players, and league leaders dispute the subject. Is it worth discontinuing traditional bowl games that have been around for over 100 years? Should there be playoffs? Is the BCS system fair?

Here are some opinions from students:

Jimmie Anderson: I think that college should have playoffs, but that the teams that don't make it the championship should be placed in the other bowl games, like a consolation game.

Matthew Johnson: The BCS is the most ridiculous thing! There should definitely be a certain playoff system so that it is not the best teams that make the National Championship but the teams that win the playoffs. Take this year's national championship; the Buckeyes should not have been there because they just totally got owned.

Patrick Duffey: The BCS should definitely change. No more BCS bowl games, one playoff, one bowl game, the SUPER COLLEGIATE BOWL for all I care--just change the college bowl game stuff.

Andrew Powell: Although I'm not satisfied at all with the BCS (remember 2004!!!), I think it is the best solution possible right now, without causing severe costs to universities. The major thing that needs to change is the Notre Dame clause…basically saying that ND gets priority because they're Notre Dame, and the fact that the BCS is purely selling a product, NOT being a committee for choosing the best teams.

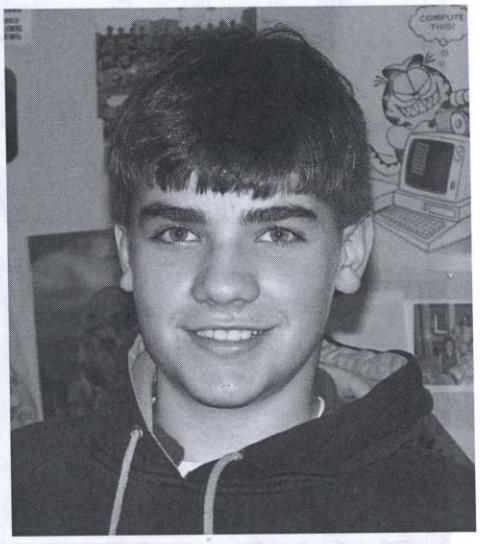
One counter plan I offer is company sponsored playoff match-ups. You could have, say the Fed Ex Semifinal, All-State Quarterfinal, the Citibank National Championship,... etc. Another possibility is having another poll, following all of the regular BCS games before deciding who will play for the championship. Or just give the championship to whoever wins the SEC!!!! YEAH!!!

Paul Van Pernis: I think there should be playoffs because, like USC, if a team does well almost the whole season and then loses one game at the end, they are basically out of the championship bowl game. I think that there should still be a BCS, but they should just change it a little.

Cody Fisher: I like the idea of playoffs, but it doesn't matter as long as Florida wins.

Russ Anderson: There should be playoffs because Auburn should have won the National Championship in 2004, but instead finished with a perfect season leaving Oklahoma to get manhandled by USC. War Eagle! Down with the BCS!

Carter Callaway: I think that the BCS needs to go. It is not fair to teams in the SEC who have a much harder schedule than any other conference.



Sports Editor Jack Keller demands change!

SPORTS

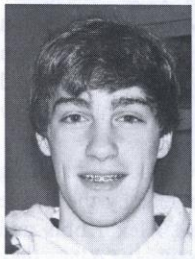
Super Bowl!

by Max Coyle

I was given an extremely rare opportunity to go to the Super Bowl this year. When I got the news that my dad had been given two tickets to one of the most watched events in America, I was stunned. I originally thought that my teachers would never excuse this absence, but to my surprise, I received permission. Thanks, Mr. T!

Talk about a crowd--a horde of both Bears and Colts fans were, in what I would refer to as a mob, trying to get into the stadium. Everyone was pushing and shoving. This lack of consideration was due mainly to the fact that the majority of the people there were completely wasted as they had been partying before the game. When we finally got past the lines, so to speak, my dad and I walked through seemingly endless sponsorship exhibits. After the long trudge to our seats, we could truly sense the excitement that everyone felt about the game. As more and more people filed in from getting their snacks, a man took the empty seat next to me. This man was the most obnoxious man I think I have ever come in contact with in my life. I am almost certain that he was "drunk as a skunk" before he set foot in the stadium because half of what he said made no sense whatsoever, and he sure said a lot. He just wouldn't shut up. He told me everything from his being forty-seven years old and not having a wife, to giving me college advice, which he repeated over and over again. "Go to a college in California. You know why? Because they have the best-looking girls and warm weather. They also have the best-looking girls," as if he hadn't said that to me two minutes ago.

It rained miserably the entire game, which isn't the weather condition that you want when you are wearing khaki pants and leather shoes. At the opening kick-off, I thought back to the NCAA football championship and decided that just in case history was to repeat itself, it would be awesome if I caught a miracle on film. As luck seemed to be going my way, I filmed Hester's kick return for a touchdown. I was dumbfounded. As the game progressed, my dad and I decided that it would be best to look for ponchos, as I had already become almost completely drenched. We soon learned that every poncho had been sold, so we looked for alternate solutions. We found a janitor who just happened to have an extra trash bag that he very kindly gave us. So now that I was not worrying about the rain, I started to become influenced by the rabid fan sitting next to me. I jumped up and down, argued with the drunk man sitting next to me, predicted plays, and didn't give a hoot what the other team's fans were saying.



Fun in Miami

Half-time was phenomenal. Prince's performance was like nothing I had ever seen. My dad and I were guessing how long it would take him to be electrocuted, but to our amazement, he finished his show alive! By the way, the kids that rushed the stage were brought in because they won a contest. After the half-time show, the ping-pong match continued. As the score went back and forth, I didn't know what the outcome would be. The ball was fumbled more times than I had ever seen in my life, which is understandable considering the weather. At the end of the third quarter, there was an exodus of Bears fans, including the drunk loudmouth sitting next to me; they all left because they couldn't stand to watch their precious team go down. On the other hand, all of the Colts fans were ecstatic! With most of the Bears fans gone, there was room to move around and get comfortable for the last quarter. As the clock ran down, excitement built up all around me. With the game seconds from being over, smoke poured onto the field, which was quite annoying for the fans in the stands because we couldn't see anything that was going on. As my dad and I filed out of the stadium after the game, we had to catch a bus ride back to the Miami Convention Center, as cars were not allowed to drive within a certain distance of the stadium for safety purposes. The bus ride was miserable. I have never seen so many intoxicated people stuffed into one bus, and to top it all off, it was an extremely long bus ride. It took several hours to get from the stadium to the convention center, even though it was only a short distance. When we finally got back to the condo, my dad and I were worn out. I remember looking at the clock and thinking, "Okay, so it's two o'clock. That will give me about three and a half hours of sleep before I have to get up and catch a plane so that I can make it to school." I put that thought out of my mind and went to sleep as soon as my head hit the pillow.

Overall, the Super Bowl was way more that I ever expected. Despite the rain and the drunk fans, I had the time of my life. I will remember that day for the rest of my life.

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A Season of Improvement

Seventh Grade Basketball

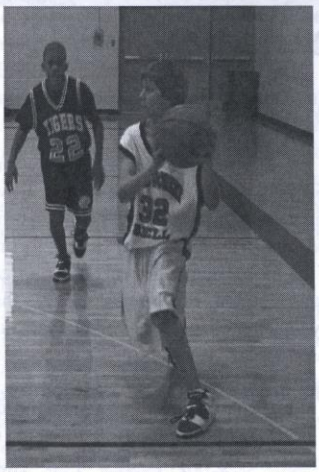
by Coach Todd Moran

The 2006-2007 MBA seventh grade basketball team finished the season with a 7-10 record. The team displayed a great work ethic, toughness, and improvement throughout a season that was filled with up and downs.

The team started off the season with two wins in Jamboree competition held at MBA against Harpeth Middle School and Two Rivers Middle School. MBA also recorded home wins over Woodland Middle School, Freedom Middle School, Donelson Christian Academy, Ensworth School, and Christ Presbyterian Academy. The seventh graders showed their "never give up" attitude in a home game against Brentwood Academy. Trailing 24-4 at halftime, the Big Red roared back to eventually tie the game in the second half, only to come up short by six points, 45-39. That kind of effort and attitude is what defined this team throughout the year. MBA played its best game of the year against CPA at home on February 6th. After having lost to the Lions on the road by 10 points earlier in the season, the Big Red improved dramatically to defeat the Lions by 19 points!

MBA was led in scoring throughout the year by the inside play of forward Alex Kohls and the outside shooting of guard Jack Beckner. Chris Norman and Henry Beveridge led the team from the point guard position. Warren Lipscomb, Barton Davies, Will Narramore, Hugh Wells, Brandon Sauermann, and Ford Saunders provided solid play at the guard positions, and John Morphis, Conry Miler, and Jamie Bradshaw provided the muscle in the paint.

This team will look to improve and have a successful season next year in HVAC competition.



Brandon Sauermann

Will Narramore: Great Release

Will Chris pass to Jack?

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A Good Effort Falls Short

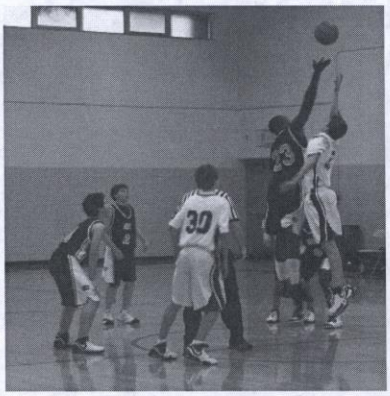
Eighth Grade Basketball

by Coach Gary Waller

Everybody wants the ball!

The eighth grade basketball season ended Saturday, February 10th, in The HVAC tournament with a six-point loss to host CPA, 47-41. Although struggling on offense, the Big Red played a great defensive game, holding CPA to only 28 points from the field. CPA hit 19 of 28 from the freethrow line for 68%, which proved to be the difference. John Wyse had 10 points, including two 3's, and Chase Owen hit three 3's in the fourth quarter for 9 points.

The Team finished the year at 6-12 and 2-3 in the HVAC. The highlights of the year were two wins against eventual HVAC runner-up, Grassland This team had to face adversity all season long, losing players to injury and sickness. However, this team was very successful in that each player gave his best effort and never gave up. The coaches are very proud of what the players accomplished through their hard work and unselfishness. They represented MBA well.



Stretch, Paul!

Chase runs the offense.

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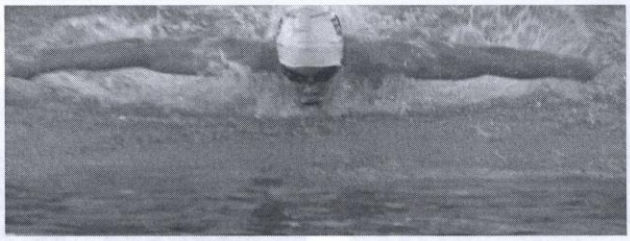
Success in the Pool!



by Gage Baxter

Usually snow is a good thing, but this time for the MBA swimming and diving team, snow was a problem. It was 3:00 PM, February 2, and the swimmers could not go to Baylor in Chattanooga as a team. In spite of the weather, some of the swimmers went as individuals to the meet. Everyone had a right to be worried about Monteagle Mountain because of the ice and snow from earlier in the morning, but we had a safe trip. Seven team members and one coach/parent of the MBA swim team put their game faces on at the Aqua Raiders' pool. The seven team members were, Chase Lovelace, Gabe Sharlin, Cooper Thomas, Jarvis Werkhaven, Gage Baxter, Patrick Meehan, and our only diver, seventh grader Hoke Smith. This dedicated group swam extremely well at the 2007 Southeastern Championship Middle School Swim Meet. On to the races!

Chase Lovelace, in 100 Breaststroke prelims, broke his own record from last year's meet and achieved a 1:03.12, and in finals, he went a 1:01.53, breaking his record again! He was also the Middle School Champion in the 200 IM, breaking his previous record twice; in prelims, he went a 2:03.67, and in finals, he went a 2:03.15. He continues to be the best middle school swimmer in both of his events this year.

Two relays, consisting of Jarvis Werkhaven, Chase Lovelace, and Cooper Thomas, swam the 200 free relay and the 200 medley relay. The Big Red won both of these events and recorded another new meet record in the 200 free relay. The 200 medley is still held by the Big Red's relay team from last year. Big Red swimmers went a 1:40.87 in the free relay to beat the other closest team by two seconds.

In the 50 free, Cooper Thomas had a best time and went a 25.13, which led him to a great 3rd place swim! In the 100 fly, we had two Big Red swimmers compete. Jarvis Werkhaven went a 58.40 and cut two seconds, which gave him a strong 3rd place; Gage Baxter went a personal best in the 100 fly and came in 9th place for the Big Red. In the 500 free, Gage Baxter went a 5:30.43, leading him to a 4th place finish. Patrick Meehan swam the 100 Breaststroke and went a 1:16.57, giving him a 6th place, and in the 100 backstroke, he went a 1:11.02, coming in 10th place. Gabe Sharlin swam the 50 free, dropped five seconds, and came in 17th for

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